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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS, ACCESS TO TECS INFORMATION

REF: MEXICO 1536, 4990

1. REFTELS REQUESTED INFORMATION AS TO HOW EMBASSY MAY HAVE ACCESS TO TECS(TREASURY ENFORCEMENT COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM) (FORMERLY CADPIN) DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM OPERATED BY THE US CUSTOMS SERVICE FOR CUSTOMS AND OTHER TREASURY ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. THE CUSTOMS SERVICE HAS ADVISED THE DEPARTMENT THAT CUSTOMS WELCOMES TWO-WAY EMBASSY INDIRECT INTERFACE WITH TECS AS FOLLOWS:

A. DATA WHICH EMBASSY BELIEVES TO BE OF INTEREST TO CUSTOMS (BASICALLY ANY AND ALL INFORMATION RELATED TO SMUGGLING, REVENUE AND TARIFF COLLECTION AND PROTECTION, NARCOTICS INTERDICTION AT THE BORDERS AND PORTS OF ENTRY, CONTRABANDISTA ACTIVITIES, UNAUTHORIZED BORDER CROSSING BY AIRCRAFT, ETC.) SHOULD BE PROVIDED ON AN ASAP BASIS TO THE US CUSTOMS REPRESENTATIVE AT THE EMBASSY WHO WILL THEN

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DISPATCH IT FORTHWITH TO US CUSTOMS SERVICE HEAD-

QUARTERS, WASHINGTON, DC,. CUSTOMS WELCOMES ALL
INFORMATION INPUTS ON THE ABOVE AND RELATED SUBJECTS
WHICH COUNTRY TEAM CAN DEVELOP. IN SOME CASES THE
DATA WILL, IN FACT, NOT REPEAT NOT BE INCORPORATED

INTO TECS BUT WILL BE KEPT ON A HARD-COPY BASIS.

B. AT ANY TIME WHEN EMBASSY DESIRES TO ACQUIRE
TECS OR OTHER CUSTOMS READ-OUT OF INFORMATION,
COUNTRY TEAM MEMBER SHOULD SO REQUEST THE US CUSTOMS
REPRESENTATIVE. THE LATTER WILL THEN QUERY CUSTOMS
SERVICE HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON WHICH WILL EFFECT
THE NECESSARY READ-OUT WITH TECS AND OTHER DATA
SOURCES. CUSTOMS SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WILL THEN
ADVISE THE CUSTOMS REPRESENTATIVE AT THE EMBASSY OF
SAID READ-OUT TOGETHER WITH ANY DISSEMINATION RE-
STRICTIONS OR CAVEATS WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY.

2. THE DEPARTMENT AND CUSTOMS ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT
THE ABOVE PROCEDURES WILL NOT ONLY SATISFY THE EMBASSY
REQUIREMENTS BUT WILL ALSO PROVIDE FOR HEALTHY TWO-WAY
EXCHANGE OF DATA. ROGERS

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